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Olympia Punk Bands Make Dough for Political Activists

Issac Scott

Six local punk bands played October 12 at Northern to raise awareness for a political issue that has hit close to home here in Washington’s capitol.

Angry Music for Real ‘change’

Around 200 young people gathered at the volunteer-run, all ages venue, art gallery, and community space on one of the first rainy nights of the school year. The concert raised money for three imprisoned anarchists who refused to testify at a grand jury hearing. The show raised $1,813 for the resisters’ legal fees, rent, and other necessities.

The bands played short sets of Olympia’s quintessential punk sound, each of them voicing solidarity with the resisters. Soil opened the show, followed by Disparate, Many Pepper, Dick Binge, Doggav and then Agatha.

Along with music, the event offered zines and literature from activists. Many of the self-published pamphlets contained discussions on the grand jury and were handed out for suggested donations.

This month, in response to Seattle grand jury imprisonments, there has been a massive backlash from activist groups. Leah Plante, Katherine “Keeo” Olejnik, and Matthew Duran are being held at a Federal Detention Center in Seattle. They could remain imprisoned for the duration of the investigation, potentially until 2014.

Collins, a member of The Committee Against Political Repression and an organizer of the show, said the government is trying to silence dissent, and discourage “resistance against the political and economic status quo.”

Supporters are speaking out against what they see as grand juries’ broad and secretive powers to investigate possible organized crime activity.

Government Proposed HIV Prevention Cuts

Troy Mead

Local HIV/AIDS prevention organizations and concerned community members met on Monday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. for an emergency town hall meeting at the United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) office to plan a response to proposed funding cuts at the state and federal level to all HIV prevention services in Thurston County.

Executive Director of Pierce County AIDS Foundation (PCAF), Dianne Wilkerson, kicked off the discussion by sharing how Dave Kern, Department of Health, met with him and Deputy Director Lori Bundrock for a meeting they believed was “about rearranging one of our social works.”

When they arrived, Kern told them that the HIV Planning Group had decided to cut all funding for Thurston County HIV prevention efforts.

The planning group proposed this funding cut to direct money towards counties statewide with higher numbers of HIV cases. While Thurston County receives budget cuts, Kitsap County, however, will be continuing to receive funding under the proposed plan, regardless of the fact that the two counties have almost identical numbers of reported citizens living with HIV/AIDS.

Prevention efforts affected include the Olympia chapter of the Mpowerment Project — an organization recognized by the Center for Disease Control at the national level for their work in risk behavior reduction for gay and bisexual men ages 18 to 29. Mpowerment also provides no-cost, rapid and confidential HIV screening.

While men who have sex with men are still the majority of new HIV cases in the state of Washington, Mpowerment coordinator Justin Taylor recognizes that other populations are at risk too. He stated his hopes to expand the reach of Mpowerment’s prevention work beyond young gay and bi men, as “we all rise or fall together”.

Investigation or Violation?

On July 25, FBI and Terrorism Joint Task Force agents stormed Plante’s Portland home to take anti-government literature, hard drives, address books, and black clothing. They were apparently investigating groups involved in May Day demonstrations last spring, during which individuals destroyed property in downtown Seattle.

In their public statement, the resisters ask that people refuse to cooperate with the police.

“The police do not protect us,” the statement reads, “and do nothing to bring justice to those who have been hurt by others. If we want real safety, and real justice, we need to begin creating liberatory alternatives to the state’s institutions.”

The Committee Against Political Repression is planning to host its next benefit show at Le Voyeur on October 20 at 8 p.m.

REFERENDUM

74: The Rundown

Sabra Chandiwala

In February of last year, the Washington State Legislative passed Senate Bill 6239, legalizing same-sex marriage. Shortly after the bill was passed, opponents of the bill gathered enough signatures to suspend the bill and demand a statewide vote on the issue. That’s where Referendum 74 comes into play.

According to the Washington Secretary of State website, “This bill allows same-sex couples to marry, applies marriage laws without regard to gender, and specifies that laws using gender-specific terms like husband and wife include same-sex spouses. After 2014, existing domestic partnerships are converted to marriages, except for seniors. It preserves the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform or recognize any marriage or accommodate wedding ceremonies. The bill does not affect licensing of religious organizations providing adoption, foster care, or child-placement.”

As of 2009, Washington has had a Domestic Partnership law (Referendum 71) which is also known as the “everything but marriage” law because it gives same-sex couples the same rights as a married couple, just not the status.

Evergreen student and activist Claire Thomas commented on the importance of this referendum, saying, “It’s about getting rid of this ‘separate but equal’ standard we have for GLBTQ (gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans*, and queer) people in this state and I think that’s applicable to everyone…obtaining equality is an issue that should matter to you no matter how you feel about the rest of voting.”

This issue is particularly important to Thomas, who has been diligently volunteering with five other Evergreen students to spread the word about this referendum, because her parents are gay and have been together for more than 30 years. She added, “I want them to be able to call each other wife instead of partner, it sounds like business partner…[A]nd I’d like to be able to marry whomver I love when I grow up.”

The passing of referendum 74 would give marriage status - and all the rights that come with it - to all same-sex couples currently in Domestic Partnerships, except seniors and all other same-sex couples to legally marry. No other states with same-sex marriage laws have passed a bill through a statewide vote.

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How long have you been drawing?

Since second grade I guess, I started drawing little video game puzzles, levels, the little monsters that would fill up the arenas. I remember doing little projects I guess. Since I could hold pencil.

What is your favorite material to work with?

Pens, definitely. I haven’t been too good about brushes with ink, but I really love ink, different quill pens and nibs. If I make a mistake, I just put more ink on the paper and cover it up. It feels good to do it once and do it right that first time, it makes you want to keep doing just pen stuff.

How many hours do you spend drawing per week? Do you ever feel burnt out?

I’m in an SOS, so this is all I do. I spend a lot of time analyzing it.

What kind of artists have inspired you?

“Moebius”, aka Jean Giraud. He was a comic artist that started in the 1940s who died last year. I was introduced to him two years ago and he just kind of changed the way I look at every comic now. I’ve never been a big comic reader, but his line work and his colors, stories, everything is in the package. I hold others up to his standard.

How has attending Evergreen affected your work?

I’ve learned how to discipline myself. I’ve been drawing these comics with these characters since high school just to make my friends laugh, but now I’ve learned how to discipline myself and stick to my own schedule. I do the work that I feel needs to be done. Self-motivation.

What kind of messages do you convey through your comics?

That I don’t know anything. My main character, Ozger, roams through the universe and hears all these different philosophies and they all go over his head. I feel like I’m always learning, but never getting the whole story. The biggest message is you always have to keep your ears and eyes open and pay attention to what’s going on around you. Even if you do that, it still might go over your head, which is my experience.

Do you do any research for your work?

A little bit. The comic I’m working on right now is a fairy tale, and I really wanted to give it a Victorian era look, so I got a bunch of books out of the library that have great examples of ink drawings with cross-hatching. Most of my drawings are very minimalistic and simple, but now I’m working with a lot more lines than usual. Whatever book I’m reading, movie I’m watching, kind of finds its way into my work.

Do you feel like comics are dying or gaining strength as a medium?

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What’s your ultimate goal with your art?

My goal with art is to not work a day job. I want to become a successful artist in the sense that my bills and food are paid for by the art that I’m doing. I want to perpetuate more work by doing work. If you love it enough, the hard work will feel all the more better.

“I think a lot more comics are being made that aren’t just shock and awe horror, or scantily clad women; there’s a little bit more thought being put into it.”

I hope it does, because then I’ll have business.
Generation of kids choosing love over a desk.  
@Macklemore_ 

**LP Review: THE HEIST | Macklemore & Ryan Lewis**

Anatalia Nicholl

Evergreen students can walk with their heads held a little higher now, since Evergreen alum Ben Haggerty (better known by his stage name, Macklemore) released his second full studio album with collaborator Ryan Lewis. *The Heist* was the #1 album on iTunes almost immediately following its release from Sub Pop.

While a few of the songs on the album had previously been released as well-received singles (such as “Thrift Shop feat. Wanz,” which has earned more than 8.2 million views on YouTube, and *pro-gay ballad* “Same Love feat. Mary Lambert”), new tracks such as “Neon Cathedral” and instrumental “Bombom” hold up to the expectations built after his popular *The VS. EP* was released in 2009.

But the shining gem of *The Heist* transcends the disappointment of arguably less integral songs like “Thin Line feat. Buffalo Madonna,” “White Walls,” and even the danceability of “Can’t Hold Us feat. Ryan Dalton.”

“Starting Over” is the kind of song that really doesn’t have to be literally related to your life to have an effect on you. Its message of repentance, “If I can be an example of getting sober, I can be an example of starting over,” says much about Haggerty’s perspective of taking responsibility and moving on. And perhaps it says even more about the music community as a whole if fans are as enthusiastic and passionate as the artists they listen to.

**KAOS 89.3 FM Top 30**

*Albums for the week of October 9*

1. VA. / First Came Memphis Minnie
2. Deerhoof / Breakup Song
3. Brother Ali / Mourning in America and Dreaming in Color
4. Minus the Bear / Infinity Overhead
5. Souljazz Orchestra / Solidarity
6. Onatropica / Onatropica
7. Dum Dum Girls / End of Daze EP
8. Shemekia Copeland / 33 1/3
9. Antibalas / Antibalas
10. Cat Power / Sun
11. A.C. Newman / Shut Down the Streets
12. Dinosaur Jr. / I Bet on Sky
13. Corin Tucker Band / Kill My Blues
14. Red Kross / Researching the Blues
15. Menahan Street Band / The Crossing
16. Briana Marela / Speak From Your Heart
17. Ariel Pink’s Haunted Graffiti / Mature Themes
18. Anna Estrada / Volando
19. Little Freddie King / Chasing The Blues
20. Menomena / Moms
21. Divine Fits / A Thing Called Divine Fits
22. Kid Koala / 12 Bit Blues
23. Orwells / Remember When
24. Animal Collective / Centipede Hz
25. Lymbic Systym / Symbolism
26. Buddy Guy / Liking Proof
27. Michael Kiwanuka / Home Again
28. Black Pistol Fire / Big Beat ’59
29. Lee “Scratch” Perry / Master Piece
30. Simon McBride / Crossing the Line
WHY BOTHER?
Jesse Rogers

“All that once was directly lived has become mere representation.” - Guy Debord

To borrow a line from Politics is not a Banana, Barack Obama does not exist. Neither does Mitt Romney. Nor Joe Biden, or even that studly Paul Ryan. Sure, there are people with these names, but there was also probably someone named Jesus, but I sincerely doubt he walked on water.

Instead what exists are figures, like Jesus, messianic by nature, carefully designed to make us think they will pull us out of whatever woe we face, to answer whatever prayers we may have. We can only hope tomorrow is better, that the economy will be “fixed” (whatever that means, as if our collective experience in this world can be summed by a single abstraction of a nation's financial well-being). A witty one-liner or picturesque smile might make us go to bed easier, at least for one night, if only to rise again and go to work.

The point isn’t that voting won’t change anything (which it most certainly will not), but that we have resigned ourselves into allowing these vultures to make our life decisions for us. Anyone who listens to Democracy Now! at all knows the Democratic Party doesn’t flinch when it comes to bombing foreign countries or increasing surveillance on American citizens. The Republican bogeymen created by the Democratic Party, and vice-versa, only serve to hide the fact that they are exactly the same. All of the infighting aside, both meet the whims of the powerful and serve to further oppress wage slaves at home and sweatshop workers abroad. The wars won’t end and the “middle class” probably won’t ever be proud homeowners again.

Representative politics exists to strip the power we have over our own lives, but with the shiny veneer that the power still resides in us; that fellow “citizens” who share our problems will meet our needs, just as long as we vote for the right ones. This serves undeniably to take the decision making of our everyday conditions—from our jobs and our towns—out of our own hands. Think of the last time a road or a suburb was built in your neighborhood, were you consulted? Rather than maintaining autonomy on our own being and communities, we instead relegate it to those who do it for a paycheck.

This self-perpetuating castration is not only painful, but dangerous. Not only for us, but for the environment. As a living being on this planet, my interests lie with those of my fellow living beings, plants and animals alike. But as a material representation of the rich and powerful solely dedicated to the perseverance of capital and the state, our elected officials couldn’t care less. No amount of federal regulations are going to stop the death-march of civilization from destroying every last tree in order to consolidate power and profit.

So what does this all mean? A call not to vote isn’t a call for apathy—that’s what voting is! Instead, take the time you would spend making phone calls for your preferred candidate or watching scripted debates and spend it on collaborating with your neighbors, coworkers, and friends, people who actually might share similar interests to you, and help push for a world in which we make the decisions that affect us.

What We Need is Humanism
Issac Scott

This is the problem with the election: the two-party system we have is not substantially different from a one-party system. Sure, we may have more angry people on screens telling us why the other half of the country is wrong than we would if this were a dictatorship, but in the end, we all know that both “parties” are on the same team. The real dichotomy in our world is between the few members of the land-owning plutocracy and the people capitalism forgot. The election is between two groups with identical interests.

The major political parties are not philosophical entities; they are businesses. Whether Barack Obama or Mitt Romney is president for the next four years, the same people will still set our country’s course. We do not elect those people. They have massive amounts of capital in a system that puts value exclusively on capital. Without property, you do not even have the right to a place to sleep. We have capitalism, and what we need is humanism. Neither candidate will change the fact capitalism doesn’t care about people, not to mention plants, animals, or the soil. In this sense, the presidential election distracts us from the real issues. It has more to do with making us feel like we have a voice. However, this supposed voice consists merely of selecting one of two people with the same fundamental goals— to serve a role that has little meaning in the grand scheme of things.

Ultimately, we cannot rely on others to demand a compassionate system. Simply voting for someone to be president is not enough. We each need to take responsibility within our communities. Do something. Take direct action. Don’t let the politicians fool you; we have power without them.
THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Let Them Debate!
Carson Ball

Jill Stein and her running mate Cheri Honkala were arrested outside of the second debate Tuesday, October 16 after attempting to enter the debate hall at Hofstra University, but were turned away due to lack of credentials. Stein, who is running on the Green Party ticket, will be included in 85% of the ballots this year and believes this entails her to an equal voice among her more well-funded colleagues. After calling the debate a “mockery of democracy,” and stating they were there to “bring the courage of those excluded from our politics,” Stein and Honkala sat down in the street and refused to move until the officers blocking her entrance allowed her access to the debate. After being told she was blocking traffic, she told officers she did not want to create a disturbance but merely wanted, “to practice our first amendment rights.” Shortly thereafter Stein and Honkala were removed from the premises and charged disorderly conduct. Stein however, was prepared for this and told reporters, “the CPD has tried to silence us and the millions of Americans we represent, but today we will not be silenced.”

The CPD is the Commission on Presidential Debates and it seems they have a long history of silencing opponents. Formed in 1987 by the Democratic and Republican parties as a way to establish the way the presidential debates are held, the CPD has held secret meetings to create “memorandums of understanding,” that decide who can participate in the debate and how the questions are moderated. In 1988 the League of Women Voters withdrew support for the CPD claiming, “the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter.” This tendency to collusion was made obvious at the press conference announcing the commissions creation, when then Democratic national chairman, Paul G. Kirk, expressed his opinion that third party candidates should be excluded from the debates.

Jill Stein is not a new face to those disillusioned with party politics. Her “Green New Deal” promises to end drone strikes, a better regulation of Wall Street, and the cessation of all foreign occupations. The blatant disregard shown to her by most major media outlets only serves to increase her popularity among those who believe politics to be a tightly controlled old boys club.

I applaud Jill Stein’s example of civil disobedience. In a country whose rallying cry is democracy the desires of the people are too often swept under the rug. If she has the potential for a significant portion of the votes this November, what’s the harm in letting her opinion reach a larger audience? I say, let them debate!

The Sad Reality
Sarah Hansen

It’s the 2012 elections and this year marks the first year that I am able to vote for the next US President. For many this would be exciting, but for me it is just a reminder of the sad reality.

Of the 20 years of my life, I have already grown disenfranchised and thoroughly tired of a two-party system that leaves little to no room for any other options. Elections seem to give an appearance of free choice and “democracy” but in reality, it is supporting the one-party system of business.

When I was 16 and Obama first became President, I, along with many others, were filled with hope that perhaps this really was the time for change; A change for peace and a change for a healthier society.

Today I see that Obama has NOT ended the wars as he had previously promised and has started a drone war in Pakistan, killing thousands of civilians and has signed into action the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This act makes it legal for the US to imprison and detain US citizens suspected of being "terrorists" – no trial, no evidence needed, nothing… And there is no limit to how long they can be held!

It’s especially disturbing how they can call anyone a "terrorist," including animal rights and environmental activists.

To me, it is immoral to vote for any evil - and the lesser of two evils is still an evil. So that is why this election I have decided to vote for Jill Stein, a green party candidate. Though my heart is really set in building a society that is out of the hands of politicians – and the white house – and back into the hands of the people.

I would like to live in a society where actual people make choices that most effect them and the environment, instead of electing representatives and having corporations call the shots. This election is just another reminder of how little freedom and democracy we actually have. Solidarity to all people in the world, struggling for peace and equality.
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**Midseason Mark Passes, Geoducks Lose at Home**

*Men win twice on the road but fall at home while the Women lose heartbreaking double overtime match*

**David Lukashok**

After two solid wins by the Second-Place Men’s Soccer team over Northwest Christian and College of Idaho, the Geoducks struggled against Concordia for the second time this season. Concordia, the only team with a better conference record than the Geoducks, defeated Evergreen 1-4 amidst rain, wind, and sloppy field conditions.

Jeremy Novack scored the lone goal for Evergreen off a corner kick from Jeff Roland.

Jeremy Novack scored the lone goal for Evergreen off a corner kick from Jeff Roland. The team looks to bounce back against Northwest Christian in Eugene, Oregon on Wednesday. Evergreen’s goals during the Northwest Christian and College of Idaho matches were scored by Ethan Sumlin, Roland, and Willie Spurr.

This month the Evergreen Women’s Soccer team showed signs of improvement. They struggled mightily against Corban and Northwest University, scoring one goal during those two games, with Haley Lightfoot finding the back of the net against Corban. However, against Northwest Christian the Lady Geoducks showed incredible spirit.

They came back from a 2-0 deficit thanks to second half goals by Lightfoot at the 69th minute off an assist from Katie Mendoza, and Sophie Krauza via a header assisted by Kori Lerch at the 74th minute. With the game tied after the first ‘90, the teams played through two overtimes before Northwest Christian won on a break at the ‘103 minute.

*Lady Geoducks’ Leah Argon (4) challenges Northwest Christian’s Jacque Bandtrock (6).*

*Evergreen forward, Bianca Flores (12) takes on Northwest Christian players last Friday afternoon.*

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Horrorscopes by Troy Mead

Aries - Trick: Your competitive nature is leading you to feel high-strung and anxious this week.
Treat: Phone it in for a day.
Last minute Halloween costume: Occupy Olympia protester

Taurus - Trick: You feel that those closest to you are being frivolous and flighty in a way you can’t quite get behind.
Treat: Cultivate the hardworking and serious aspects of your nature over the next week, and goof off next week.
Last minute Halloween costume: Duct tape a few fallen branches to your sides and call yourself a tree.

Gemini - Trick: You wish you had more friends in your program.
Treat: Your winning personality will help you find a new true pal this week.

Cancer - Trick: You’ve been feeling down lately and want to isolate yourself.
Treat: This is a great way to deal with sorrow, if you want to stay stuck in it.

Leo - Trick: You have been trying to express a big truth about yourself to a loved one, but they don’t quite get it. You don’t feel like you’re being heard and it hurts your feelings.
Treat: Practice what you’re going to say by expressing yourself in another format. It will help you do what you need to get heard.

Virgo - Trick: All work and no play is making you dull, dull, dull.
Treat: Be parsimonious with your time, and you’ll find some freedom for fun.

Libra - Trick: You’ve fallen on hard times financially, and new income isn’t exactly presenting itself to you.
Treat: I’ll be honest with you. Things aren’t great at the moment. But a month or so from now, you might get a chance at something good, as long as you keep your eyes open.

Scorpio - Trick: Your life love sucks. You’re thinking about giving up, since your usual type isn’t proving fruitful.
Treat: Start cruising for people slightly older than your usual preferences. Bonus points if you hook up with an alum who hasn’t left Olympia since graduating in the ’90s.

Saggitarius - Trick: You’re having an academic crisis and don’t know which way to turn.
Treat: Assert yourself with your faculty. If they just don’t care, go to their higher-ups.

Capricorn - Trick: You’re bored with your current scenery. You want out of this little town, but going places costs money.
Treat: You’re going to need to save up for a while, but dreaming up grand plans is half the fun.

Aquarius - Trick: Your life is wheeling out of control and you’re stressed out.
Treat: You’re going to need to prioritize what’s most important for you. And if you can carve out a few minutes to laugh with friends, please do. For your own health.

Pisces - Trick: You keep blaming yourself for things that really aren’t your fault. Take responsibility for your actions, but think about what’s really you and what’s someone else.
Treat: I think if you do this, you’ll realize that you aren’t the horrible human being that you’ve been treating yourself as of late.

Last minute Halloween costume: Unidentified flying object.

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Maple Glazed Salmon

What you need:
- 1 lb of salmon
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1 large ziploc bag

Combine the maple syrup and the teriyaki sauce in the ziploc bag. Seal up the bag and shake the crap out of it until the syrup and sauce are thoroughly mixed.
Open the bag and toss the salmon in your marinade. Seal the bag again and put it in the fridge. Go watch two or three episodes of Adventure Time or Pokemon or something. You can let the salmon marinate for anywhere from one to three hours.
Preheat your oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Bake the salmon for 35 minutes.

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

What you need:
- 2 russet potatoes
- 5 cloves of garlic
- 1/2 cup half & half
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 pinch of salt

Wash, peel, and cube the potatoes and peel the garlic. Put the potatoes and garlic in a medium saucepan and cover with water. Add a pinch of salt. Bring to a simmer over medium heat for about 30 minutes. Drain the water and replace it with the half & half, butter, and another pinch of salt. Stir over medium heat for 5 to 10 minutes. Turn off the stove and mash those potatoes to a pulp.

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recipes with Jane Adams

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DO YOU THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND WHY?

Kallia Milillo

“I think that the system is a little bit outdated and there are a lot of people that fall in the margin in-between everything and though it’s always important to vote to show your voice, I feel like the options are not up to where they should be.”

Andy Jacobson

“I think it’s important to vote in the election if you really know what you are voting for.”

Summer Carney

“Absolutely it’s important to vote for every election because whatever the president does directly affects us, such as Pell grant funding.”

Sid Romero

“I find it to be important to vote because this system is democratic for a reason and even though we are just college students we still have a voice.”

Michou Tchana-Hyman

“I think it’s important because the president has a major influence on what happens in this country and because it is our right to choose who the president is, it is important to help make that decision.”

Gunnar Johnson

“I think it’s important to vote in this election, but I’m not going to because I don’t believe in choosing the lesser of two evils, it’s a really shitty way to go about voting for your leader and if I can’t find one person I don’t actually believe in I’m not going to vote.”
How to Not Be a Jerk This Halloween

Aaron Schroeder

It’s that time of year again – pumpkins, fall leaves, that annoying “spooky sound effects” motion sensor at the grocery store. Halloween, the holiday that might once have been an opportunity for shameless candy-eating, and, well, actually still is most of the time, is coming up. But before you pick out a costume or plan your party, here’s a few things you might not have thought of to keep in mind.

You are in college, so you are almost certainly too old to trick-or-treat. If you’re some super-overachieving 12 year old, I guess that’s fine, but the rest of you, cut it out. No one cares if you’re doing it “ironically”. Go to a party or something, and save the candy for the 5 year olds.

Please, please, please don’t wear a costume mocking someone’s identity. I’m looking at you, white-girl-in-a-Cheyenne-headdress and white-dude-in-blackface-and-an-afro-wig. Those aren’t witty costumes, they’re racist. Same goes for “ironic crossdressing”, “mental patient”, “terrorist”, or anything else that stigmatizes people’s identities or cultures – just don’t. Leave the offensiveness out of it, it’s also just not that funny.

Pranks

Most of us can understand the appeal of a good old-fashioned Halloween prank. There are a couple of things to consider though. Firstly, you need to use biodegradable materials (this is Evergreen, you guys should get this). Second, no, Silly String is not a biodegradable material. Thirdly, people work hard on Jack-o-Lanterns, and smashing them is just plain mean.

Don’t slut shame.

I mean it. Yes, some people like wearing sexy Halloween costumes! No, that doesn’t mean you get to degrade them! This is super simple stuff, people!

Have fun!

I know, I know, this is a lot of “don’ts.” You might be wondering “well, what can I do?” But honestly, if you can’t figure out anything to do that doesn’t involve being rude, you’re not thinking very hard.

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RIP American Dream

“Lesser of Two Evils” Kelli Tokos

Zack Gilkison

Hello there! I’m governor Mitt Romney, and I understand the plight of the American middle class. Sometimes I am heard to want smaller government and more job creation, but I have to make the tough decisions. See, I’m making a “green” job in addition to the traditional “red” job.

And it’s all because of the cuts for the wealthy that I, the job creator, could create! Eh, John? Romney Hippie

I wish our conversations were filled with current political banter.

Do you know anything current or political?

No.

Which is why we need a TV, in here, man.

Here’s, you’re watching the TV now.

The brings me to my next topic: where’s that remote?

I hear you, I’m Jenna.

Hi, Jenna, I’m Liz.

I know, I’ve heard quite a bit about you.

Oh, really?

Yeah, there’s quite a few former romances around you.